

United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Michigan

Barbara L. McQuade United States Attorney

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 27, 2010

Contact: Gina Balaya - (313) 226-9758 Khaalid Walls - ICE (313) 226-0726 www.justice.gov/usao/mie/index.html

WARREN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

DETROIT - A 40-year-old Warren, Michigan man, who filmed a five-year-old as the subject of child pornography production, pleaded guilty in federal court today, United States Attorney Barbara L. McQuade announced. Joining in the announcement was Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Detroit.

Bryan Brown pleaded guilty to Production and Possession of Child Pornography before United States District Judge Marianne O. Battani in Detroit, Michigan.

The information presented to the Court at the time of the plea established that between June, 2007, and April 28, 2008, the defendant filmed the child victim in a variety of sexual poses. A warrant executed at Mr. Brown's home revealed a conglomeration of sexually explicit video footage the defendant produced of the minor victim. Additionally, the defendant was found in possession of over 600 images of child pornography that he had downloaded and collected from the Internet.

Mr. Brown has a 2004 conviction for Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree

related to charges stemming from conduct in Illinois. As a result of this prior conviction, Mr. Brown is subject to a mandatory minimum of 25 years, and maximum sentence of 50 years imprisonment for Production of Child Pornography; Possession of Child Pornography is punishable by up to ten years in prison. Each statute carries a fine of up to \$250,000 dollars. Sentencing is scheduled for April 29, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The defendant is currently serving a term of life imprisonment at the Michigan Department of Corrections for his sexual assault of the victim depicted in the child pornography he produced.

"Too many individuals mistakenly believe the anonymity of cyberspace shields them from scrutiny," said Brian Moskowitz, special agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Detroit. "ICE relentlessly pursues predators who sexually abuse children, whether that abuse is physical in nature or if it's accomplished by exploiting their images. "Our agents will be ever vigilant in their pursuit to bring to justice those individuals who exploit the most vulnerable in our society, our children."

U.S. Attorney McQuade noted that this prosecution is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative. She praised the work of the agents of the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as well as the efforts of the Warren (Michigan) Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Eaton Brown.